



LUXURY ADVENTURE VACATION B.C.

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Trip Details:

- 2-7 days
- From CAD\$ 395 pp
- 2010

Kayaking Desolation Sound / Ragged Islands



2-6 days of total relaxation!

As you paddle and dream time passes slowly, as composure settles over you and your movements become flowing and instinctive. Your head clears and you begin to take notice of everything around you. The log in the water transforms into a curious seal, diving away the very moment you notice it. Watching the ripples spreading out from its dive, the seal emerges a measured five meters closer to you and your kayak with big round eyes blinking with curiosity and play. A sure winged seagull cheekily dive-bombs you and your skiff, anticipating its dinner, and targeting the food so often left exposed by the unwary. You have been forewarned and your picnic is well stowed away so with an empty beak of disappointment the seagull continues its flight. Your eyes are drawn to the shore by the gull's flight and you take note of the bulbous rocks, shining grey with wetness and falling away steeply into the sea creating a landscape of 1001 bays. You notice the tidal pools created by the turning tide and the creatures sticking to the rocks left high and dry by the out going tidal flow. These are the sea creatures usually only observed by divers as your vision gazes at the dark-purple starfish the size of a plate, waiting patiently for the return of the vital high tide. In anticipation of the returning salt chuck and tumbled among the bull kelp the multitudes of shells are shut tight - some kind of natural closing time! Lured on by curiosity and enticed by your senses you decide to explore one of tranquil bays to experience the beauty of the coastal area intimately.

Desolation Sound Marine Provincial Park (8,449 hectares) is a yachter's paradise at the confluence of Malaspina Inlet and Homfray Channel. Desolation Sound Park has more than 60 km of shoreline, several islands, numerous small bays and snug coves. The warm waters of the park are ideal for swimming and scuba diving; the forested upland offers a shady refuge of trails and small lakes and wilderness tent sites.

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Price per person:

- 2 Days: per person based on 2+ group: from **\$395 CAD** (plus 5% GST)*
 - 3 Days: per person based on 2+ group: from **\$595 CAD** (plus 5% GST)*
 - 4 Days: per person based on 2+ group: from **\$745 CAD** (plus 5% GST)
 - 5 Days: per person based on 2+ group: from **\$895 CAD** (plus 5% GST)
 - 6 Days: per person based on 2+ group: from **\$1075 CAD** (plus 5% GST)
- * Other minimum numbers may be required

Package itinerary

This journey starts through one of BC's largest marine parks. Over 65 km of wilderness are covered in the key areas of the park. Access via the Sunshine Coast ferries.

The 1st day brings you to a quiet and little known area of the park where the guides prepare a delicious meal as you relax, snorkel or simply soak up the atmosphere. The following days provide a diversity that is beyond your expectations. Each day brings you to new camps with completely different vistas. The vibrant and lively marine gardens you'll paddled over are spectacular.

Entering Desolation Sound itself, you may be surrounded by White Sided Dolphins, who playfully porpoise back and forth as you comfortably bob in your kayaks admiring their agile speed.

This display can overshadow the spectacular scenery of Desolation Sound and it's rugged Coast Mountain backdrop. Your camp offers a constant view of this beauty as the setting sun lights up the sky and cast stunning shadows on our Coast Mountain landscape. Your final days continue with beautiful west coast scenery, great food and captivating wildlife. A great way to spend precious time in pristine nature!

More Multi-Day Tour Options available*:

Toba Inlet - Rivals the Magnificent Fjord's of the World!

- 5 days - from **\$995 CDN** / person (plus 5% GST) (includes motor vessel drop off)
 - 6 days - from **\$1195 CDN** / person (plus 5% GST) (includes motor vessel drop off)
 - 7 days - from **\$1295 CDN** / person (plus 5% GST) (includes motor vessel drop off)
- (Based on 8 participants; for smaller groups please inquire)

Jedediah Island Marine Park - An Island Paradise - and BC's Largest Island Marine Park!

- 5 days - from **\$1095 CAD** / person (plus 5% GST)

Hotham Sound & Freil Falls - Undiscovered adventure...for now.

- 4 days - from **\$995 CAD** / person (plus 5% GST)

* Other minimum numbers may apply / Inquire for schedule

Price includes: All meals, guides, top of the line kayaks and safety equipment, tents, dry bags and Thermoarest sleeping pads. Please bring your own sleeping bag if possible.

A comprehensive tour package is mailed upon booking. This package includes a detailed gear list. Please contact us for additional information.

Multi-day Tours include the following:

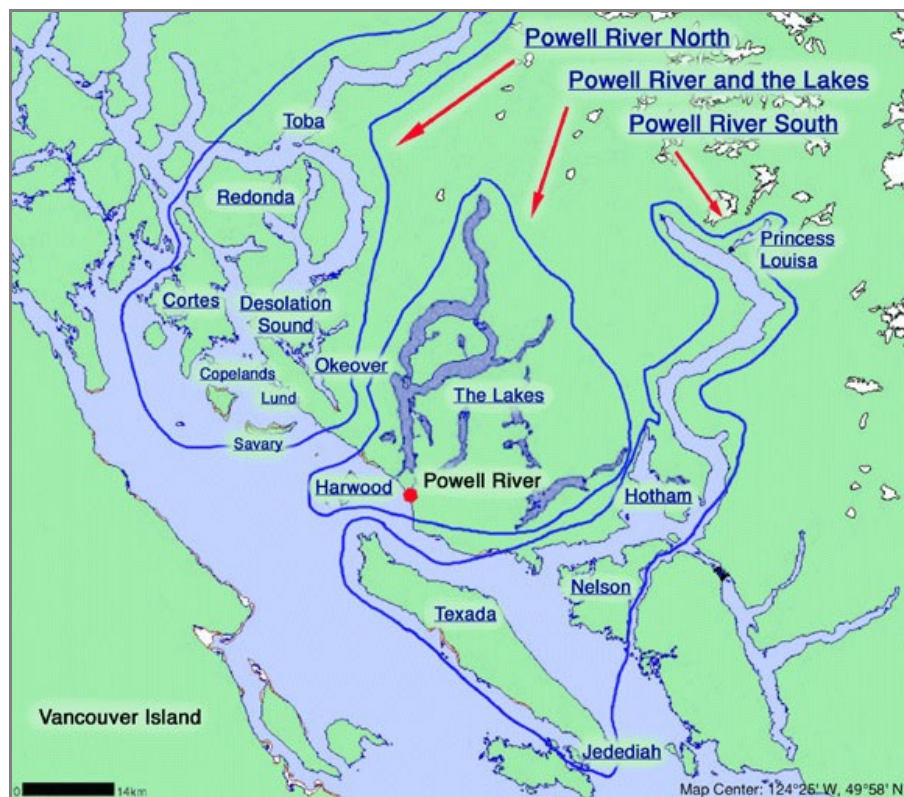
- * Launching Kayaks
- * high quality fiberglass sea kayaks (singles and doubles)
- * tents with vestibule rain fly's
- * Thermarest Sleeping Pads (Standard Size)
- * all sea kayaking equipment
- * first-aid equipment
- * all meals and snacks
- * all cooking equipment and utensils
- * beer or wine (with meal)
- * snorkeling gear
- * wet-suits (if needed)
- * soap for washing
- * and a guide...with a smile
- * for the Desolation Sound and Toba Inlet tours, safe parking is provided free at our site on Okeover Inlet.

Guests will need the following:

- * sunglasses
- * sunscreen
- * spare prescription eyeglasses
- * 2 of any medications stored in separate containers
- * 1 warm fleece jacket
- * 1 rain jacket
- * hat for sun and rain
- * 1 pair pants for camp (may be cotton but quick dry is best)
- * 1 pair pants for paddling (quick-dry)
- * 1 pair rain pants (cheap rubberized pants are fine)
- * 1 pair long underwear pants (not cotton; not 50% cotton)
- * 1 long sleeve t-shirt (quick dry best)
- * 2 t-shirts (at least 1 quick dry preferred)
- * extra socks (avoid that cotton!)
- * 1 pair shorts or bathing suit for swimming
- * 1 pair shorts (cotton or quick dry)
- * 1 pair water shoes (try to avoid open-toed sandals - old sneakers are fine)
- * 1 pair dry shoes or sandals for camp
- * 1 personal water bottle
- * personal effects (e.g.: toothbrush, toothpaste...)
- * compact sleeping bag (not the 50lb Army bag)
- * small towel (preferably a quick dry pack towel vs. a big cotton towel)
- * a positive attitude (absolutely essential)

Guests may consider these extras:

- * cotton gloves or bike gloves for blister protection
- * camera/batteries
- * insect repellent
- * book
- * fishing license and fishing gear
- * camp chair (e.g.: Crazy Creek or converter chair for a Standard Size Thermarest)
- * small flashlight or headlamp
- * tent - if you have one that is lightweight and would prefer to use



Tour Dates

This is very simple: You Set The Dates! Minimum numbers may apply.

First come first serve. The schedule becomes set as we get into our main season. Once the schedule is set, guests can join already scheduled tours.

Please call us toll free at: 1-866-525-5807 or email us for dates.

How to Reserve a Kayak Tour

- Contact our office via phone or email
- Book into an already scheduled tour (ask our office staff for dates and tour type)
- Book a custom date (a minimum number of people may apply); the date must fit into our schedule (eg: if a tour is already booked for a specific date, we may not book other tour).